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SUMMARY OF UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR QUALITY OF INDIVIDUAL SHELL EGGS

Specifications for Each Quality Factor

Quality Factor	AA Quality	A Quality	B Quality	C Quality
Shell	Clean Unbroken Practically normal	Clean Unbroken Practically normal	Clean; to very slightly stained Unbroken May be slightly abnormal	Clean; to moderately stained Unbroken May be abnormal
Air Cell	1/8 inch or less in depth Practically regular	2/8 inch or less in depth Practically regular	3/8 inch or less in depth May be free but not bubbly	May be over 3/8 inch in depth May be free or bubbly
White	Clear  Firm	Clear May be reasonably firm	Clear May be slightly weak	May be weak and watery Small blood clots or spots may be present *
Yolk	Well centered Outline slightly defined Free from defects	May be fairly well centered Outline may be fairly well defined Practically free from defects	May be off center Outline may be well defined May be slightly enlarged and flattened May show definite but not serious defects	May be off center Outline may be plainly visible May be enlarged and flattened May show clearly visible germ development but no blood May show other serious defects

\* If they are small (aggregating not more than 1/8 inch in diameter)

For eggs with dirty or broken shells, the standards of quality provide three additional qualities. These are:

Dirty	Check	Leaker
Unbroken May be dirty	Checked or cracked but not leaking	Broken so contents are leaking





